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Classified by DCM Stuart Jones for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

Summary

[1](#)1. (C) Our fundamental reform goal in Egypt remains democratic transformation, including the expansion of political freedom and democratic plu

Total Proposed Democracy and Governance Spending FY 2008 and 2009

[1](#)2. (SBU) The total proposed D and G spending for FY2008 will be USD 65-75 million with USD 11-13 million for off-shore programming and USD 54-

Off-Shore Programming

[1](#)3. (C) Due to on-going GOE interference with U.S. democracy and human rights assistance programs, the Deputies Committee decided on April 10 t

[1](#)4. (SBU) FY2007: USD 5 million, to include support of:

- (a) International Republican Institute (IRI): Workshops, strategic planning, and capacity building to assist in developing emerging leaders in
 - (b) National Democratic Institute (NDI): Train municipal candidates and campaign managers (with an emphasis on women) in advance of 2008 municip
 - (c) Freedom House: Fund off-shore human rights activities that may include training for bloggers, assistance to human rights lawyers, internati
 - (d) IFES (formerly International Foundation for Election Systems): Work with reform-minded Egyptian NGOs and civic leaders to promote electoral
- [1](#)5. (SBU) FY 2008: USD 11-13 million: The above programs will continue and new programs will be added to include the following:

- (a) MEPI-funded conference on the role of Islamist groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood, in democratic politics: Meridian House to organize
- (b) Expanding training of domestic and international election monitors. This could include work with the Ibn Khaldun Center and others.
- (c) Training civil society and think tanks in public opinion polling.
- (d) Strengthening advocacy skills of civil society and promoting exchanges, especially those focused on coalition building, youth and women, in
- (e) Supporting programs aimed at advocacy for women,s rights and expanding the capacity of individuals and groups seeking to safeguard women,s
- (f) Providing onshore and offshore support and training for indigenous human rights efforts, including those focused on minorities, religious f
- (g) Providing training for independent media, internet-centered media, and increased public diplomacy.

[1](#)6. (SBU) FY 2009: USD 25 million: Expanding the above programs and adding new programs to adapt to the new political environment, including ef

Breakdown of Ongoing and New On-Shore Programming: FY2008 and FY2009

17. (C) President Mubarak is deeply skeptical of the U.S. role in democracy promotion. Nonetheless, USG programs are helping to establish democ
18. (SBU) Total funding for ongoing and new on-shore programming will be between USD 54-62 million for FY2008 with USD 28.5-31.5 million for ir
19. (SBU) Proposed list of programs for in-country activities working with the GOE:
- (a) Administration of Justice Support Project II: Improve the effectiveness of civil/commercial courts, streamline court procedures and enhance
 - (b) Family Justice: Strengthen the capacity of family justice system to mediate family disputes and increase access to family legal services.
 - (c) Criminal Justice: Provide more effective assistance of counsel to defendants through a public defense system and human rights training for
 - (d) Constitutional Court: Enhance the role of the Egyptian Supreme Constitutional Court in judicial ethics, child abduction, and environmental
 - (e) Court of Cassation: Work with the court to make its rulings accessible, particularly to lower court judges.
 - (f) Parliament: Technical assistance and training to members and staff to strengthen their role in developing and implementing a reform agenda,
 - (g) Anti-Corruption/Public Accountability: Increase transparency in government operations and increase citizen demand for public accountability
 - (h) Decentralization: Develop a national policy and local practices to decentralize selected financial, political and administrative authorities
 - (i) Human Rights and National Councils: Strengthen quasi-government human rights councils (National Council for Human Rights, National Council
 - (j) FTA Support: Provide technical assistance to help Egypt move its laws into compliance with requirements under a possible FTA, including wor
10. (SBU) Proposed list of programs for other in-country activities and USAID direct grant:
- (a) USAID Direct Grants: Through grants to Egyptian NGOs, continue to support innovative Egyptian reform initiatives in political and electoral
 - (b) Corruption: Support Transparency International and Egyptian NGOs to develop skills to combat corruption and advocate reforms to promote tra
 - (c) Labor: Promote freedom of association and reform of Egypt,s state-controlled labor unions through an agreement with the International Labor
 - (d) Independent Media: Build training capacity to promote professional development among journalists and managers; improve media management; an
 - (e) Women,s Rights: Support Egyptian organizations advocating for women,s political, economic and social rights.

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